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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## Form 8-K

### CURRENT REPORT

### PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (date of earliest event reported):

**April 1, 2005**

## PROTEIN DESIGN LABS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**000-19756**

(Commission File No.)

**94-3023969**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification  
No.)

**34801 Campus Drive**

**Fremont, California 94555**

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

**(510) 574-1400**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On April 1, 2005, Protein Design Labs, Inc. was informed that its Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-122760), filed in connection with shares of its common stock issued in connection with its previously-announced acquisition of ESP Pharma Holding Company, Inc., was declared effective as of April 1, 2005 by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Nothing in this Current Report on Form 8-K shall constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of such securities in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state.

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#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 4, 2005

**PROTEIN DESIGN LABS, INC.**

By: /s/ Douglas O. Ebersole

**Douglas O. Ebersole**

**Senior Vice President**

**Legal and Corporate Development**

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